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Mexico Announces a Preliminary Resolution on the Antidumping Investigation against U.S. White Rice 2001

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Report Highlights:

On July 18, 2001, the Secretariat of Economy announced that it did NOT find evidence of damage to the Mexican rice industry from imports of long-grain white rice from the United States. Nevertheless, it will continue the investigation, but will not impose compensatory duties.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement published in Mexico's "*Diario*

Oficial” (Federal Register) on July 18, 2001.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico’s Executive Summary: On July 18, 2001, Mexico’s Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced in the “*Diario Oficial*” (“Federal Register”) the preliminary conclusion of the official anti-dumping investigation against U.S. long-grain white rice (See MX0185). The main conclusion of this preliminary resolution is that the SE has not found evidence that the domestic rice industry had suffered damaged as a consequence of U.S. long-grain white rice imports due to price discrimination during the period of investigation (March-August 1999). SE stated, however, it will continue the investigation because there are some aspects which need further investigation. The good news is SE will not implement countervailing duties while continuing its investigation. All interested parties have thirty (30) working days from the date of publication (July 18, 2001) of this official announcement to submit comments.

Title: "Preliminary Resolution of the antidumping investigation on the US long-grain White Rice imports, (HTS 1006.30.01) Regardless of the Country from Which They Were Imported."

Type of Investigation: Preliminary Resolution of the Investigation on antidumping claims.

Important Dates

- 1. Publication Date:** July 18, 2001
- 2. Effective Date:** July 19, 2001
- 3. Start of Public Comment Period:** Additional comments must be submitted within 30 working days from the publication date of this official announcement.
- 4. End of Public Comment Period:** Final statements must be submitted by August 29, 2001.

Products Affected: Long-grain white rice under tariff code: 1006.30.01

Agency in Charge: The Secretariat of Economy (SE), International Commercial Practices Unit

Summary of the Preliminary Resolution’s Important Provisions

The Secretariat has determined that has NOT found evidence of damage to the Mexican rice industry from imports of long grain white rice from the United States. Despite the fact it will continue the investigation, the SE will not impose compensatory duties during the continuing investigation. Consequently this Preliminary Resolution will not obstruct U.S. long-grain white rice exports to Mexico. Nevertheless, since the Secretariat decided to continue with its investigation, U.S. long-grain white rice exporters will likely continue to incur legal expenses defending their position.

Background

On December 11, 2000, SE announced in the “*Diario Oficial*” (“Federal Register”) the initiation of an official anti-dumping investigation against U.S. long-grain white rice. The investigation was in response to a petition submitted by the Mexican Rice Council (See MX0185).

An unofficial translation of the announcement will be sent to USDA/FAS in Washington, D.C. under a separate report.

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